

## Weekly Newsletter

Friday October 19<sup>th</sup> 2018

### Reminders

- Poppies are now on sale in school along with a range of other products such as wristbands, rulers and stationery.
- Please note that school will be closed next week for staff training on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October.



### Parish Links

Harvest Mass will take place next Thursday in the parish church at 9.30am. You are all very welcome to come and join us.

### Friends' News

We have now confirmed the date for the Christmas market. It will be held in the Pill Social Centre on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7pm. If you know of any traders who would be interested in running a stall please contact a member of the Friends.

### Oakwood Cross-country

Congratulations to our team of runners who took part in the annual cross-country championships yesterday. The conditions were perfect for running and there were some great performances from them. Many thanks to all of the parents who took their children along and supported them.

### Annual Flu Vaccination Programme

The flu nasal sprays will be administered in school next Wednesday. Most forms have now been returned, however there are still a few outstanding. If you wish your child to receive this it is important that the consent form is returned before Wednesday.

### Harvest Celebrations

We start these with Mass next Thursday morning which will be held in the parish church at 9.30am. At 2pm there will be an afternoon tea held in the school hall to which we have invited our neighbours in Marble Hall Close. Donations of food – tins and packets - can be brought in from Monday. Any fresh produce is best sent in nearer the day. We are always very impressed with your generosity at times like this.

**Attendance** Our attendance last week was only 87.16% which was quite a bit below our target of 95%. Caldey Class were the best with 90.30%. This is due mainly to the number of holidays being taken during term time. This figure puts us at the bottom of the monthly data for Pembrokeshire primary schools. Please note that all holidays will be recorded as unauthorised absence unless there are exceptional circumstances.

### Visits & Visitors

- This morning we were visited by Nigel Little from the environmental charity *Size of Wales* who delivered a very interactive assembly on climate change. He then spent the morning running a workshop for both Foundation Phase and KS2 pupils around the topic. Our eco-warriors will have the opportunity to take part in a climate change celebration day on Wednesday of next week.

- Our Cyngor Cymraeg attended the annual Shwmae award ceremony held at Pembroke College on Monday evening along with Mrs Bowen and Mrs Baker. We did not win an award this year, but were delighted to have been shortlisted for the fourth year running.

#### MERIT CERTIFICATES

**Starfish – Fern Baxter**

**Dolphins – Anaya Gills**

**Caldey – Matthew Sanderson**

**Ramsey – Frances Doyle**

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The poster features the school's circular logo in the top left corner, which includes a cross and a wolf. The main text is in a warm, orange-brown font. Below the text is a large, colorful 'HARVEST' sign made of wooden letters, decorated with autumn leaves and pumpkins. The date is written in a yellow, cursive font at the bottom.

**St. Francis Catholic School**  
Harvest Mass: 9:30am  
Afternoon Tea: 2:00pm (Entry - £2)  
**HARVEST**  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018